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Journal from Lisbon to Newyork. Onboard Brig
Sumattra. March 1811

Saturday March 9th 1811,
Strong Breezes and Squally at 7 am the Pilot came onboard, got underway and proceeded from Below Bellam Castle out the Tagus, two reefs in fore Topsail, and one the main. at 9 am abreast Point Jullian, at half past the Pilot left us. at 10 am the Rock of Lisbon bore N N E Dist 4 leagues, from which I take my departure.

Lisbon rock Lat 38° 45 N Long 9" 31 W
Newyork Light House 40" 28 N Lo 74" 7 W

from the Rock of Lisboa Take my departure,

Sunday March 10th 1811, Fresh Breezes & Squally with Showers of Rain Middle part fresh Gales & very Heavy Sea, latter part more moderate

[illegible] yesterday and to day

Course Dept Dif Long
[illegible] W 160 W, or 203 W, Long in 12" 54 W

Lat obs 37° 9' N
Variation 2½ pts W

March 1811, [illegible] Breezes & large Swell, make and the Vessel roles considerably and

Lat obs 36° 12' N

[illegible] dept 152 Variation 2½ pts W
Long in 16" 10 W

March 1811, Lively breezes & pleasing cloudy with many Squalls at 3 PM sent down M Top Gallt yard and Mast [illegible] appearing not to be so Stout as could wish, but [illegible] cause do not know. at this time the Sea more [illegible] the Wind more light and the Weather pleasing —

Dif Lat obs 51
" Work'd 41 10m Cur. S Lat obs 35° 21 N
Long in 19° 06 W Variation 2½ pts

Journal towards Newyork

Wednesday March 13th 1811.
First part light wind, middle part
Calm but at the close Sprung up a breeze from South

Lat obs 35°, 15' N
Course W½S. dist 36 m, dep 35, dif Long 44 W
Variation 2 pts W
Winds North & S.S.E Long in 19,, 50 W

Thursday March 14th 1811.
Commences with Strong breezes from
the South at 4 PM very Squally with much Rain at
8 the wind shifts to the Westward and at took Ship
to the South. Lat obs 34°,, 13' N
Wind W.N.W.
Variation 1½ pts
Course SW. dist 120, dep 60 dif Long 72 W
Long in 21°,, 0.2 W

Friday March 15th 1811.
Singular weather: fl
& very squally with rain – continue under
Wind W.N.W.
Course S by W½W dist 128, dep
long 4
Leeway ½ pt,
Long in 21°,, 40

Saturday March 16th 1811.
The beginning
Showery of Rain, many of the Squalls
more moderate & the close very pleasant
Winds Variable W.N.W. & N.W Lat
Course S.W½W dist pr. log 113 / 142 } dep. 67. dif Long 78 W
Strong South Cur. 30 miles, leeway ½ pt, Long in 23

Journal towards N. York

Sunday 17th March 1811

Moderate Weather and light Breezes, attended with a very strong South Current —

33 miles South —

Course S.W.¾ W dist 71, dep 47, dif long 49 W Lat obs 29° 12' N

Long in 23° 53' W Variation 1½ pts

Winds Variable

Monday 18th March 1811

Light breezes from the South & East latter part cloudy —

no obs

Course W b S dis 118 m dif Long 133 W Lat DR 29° 08' N

dep 116 — Long in 26° 6' W Variation 1½ pts

Winds S.E.,

Tuesday 19th March 1811

Strong Gales & cloudy & squally brought us to double reef Topsails, at the close wore Ship to the Westward During the first and middle part the 24 Hours very Rough squally & with Rainy Weather, — at Meridian pleasant & tack Ship to the South

Lat obs 29° 16' N

Course W ½ N dist 132, dep 131, dif long 150 W. Variation 1 pts W

Long in 28° 36' W

Winds S.E. & West

Wednesday 20th March 1811,

Calm and baffling weather at 6 am a breeze from South & ~~Eastward~~ Westward Spring up, but light. at Meridian moderate Smooth & calm

Lat obs 28° 45' N

South Current 18 miles —

Long in Same as yesterday —

Journal towards Newyork

Journal Continued

Thursday 21st March 1811,

Light airs and Calms first and middle part at the Close a breeze from E S E –

Lat obs 28°„17′ N

Course SW b S dist 36 m. dept 23 W

Dif long 26 m

Long in 29°„2′ W

Variation 1 pt

Wind W S W & E S E –

Friday 22d March 1811,

Fresh Breezes & Squally with Rain Smooth Sea, and from every appearance this wind is the Commencing of the Trades.

Lat obs 26°„50′ N.

Course SW b W dist 154. dep 128 Dif Long 144 m Variation 1 pt

Dif Lat 87 m S,

Long in 31°„26′ W

Wind E S E,

Saturday 23d March 1811.

Moderate breezes and pleasant weather the wind unsteady as to its force, saw several Birds and plenty of Sargoss. Weeds –

Lat obs 26°„20′ N

Dif Lat 30 m. Course W b S ½ S dist 11

Variation 3/4 pts

dept 111 m. dif Long 124 W

Long in 33°„30′ W

Wind E S E,

Sunday 24th March 1811

Fine pleasent weather Smooth Sea & pleasent Breezes, with a very Regular Trade

South Current 10 m of Lat,

Lat obs 25°„46′ N

Wind East,

Dist 126 Course W b S ¼ S dif Lat obs 36 m. dept 123

Dif long 137 W.

Long in 35°„47′ W

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Monday 25th March 1811.

Pleasant breezes and pleasant Weather Considerable of a Swell causing the Vessel to Role considerable Plenty of Nargass. Weed —

Course W¼ N dist 172 dept 172, dif long 190 m,
dif 8 m N —
Lat ob 25° 54' N
Long in 38° 58' W
Variation ¾ pts
Winds E by S (current Included)

~~Monday~~ Tuesday 26th March 1811

Fresh breezes with some Squalls ~~with~~ of Rain & very Warm — Very great quantity of Weed which appears to have alterd its appear. grows darker coloured & many seeds attached, to the Weeds, and at first appearance a ~~few~~ days back the Weed was light colour & no Seeds, This kind resemble the Weeds in a far north Latitude & further Westward than I conceive We are at present,

Northerly Cur. 6 m,
Dist 170, dif long 189 — dept 170,
dif Lat 8 m. —
Lat ob 26° 2' N
Variation ¾ pts
Long in 42° 7' W
Wind East & E by S

Wednesday 27th March 1811.

First part fresh breezes & fair, Middle the wind hauled to the South in fresh squalls with much Rain, in light Sail & double reef the Topsails, at 4 am now moderate light airs from N W make Sail again and at meridian pleasant

Course West Southerly, dist 82 miles, dept 79. dif long 88 m,
Lat ob 26° 1'
Dif Lat nothing
Long in 43° 35' W

Thursday 28th March 1811.

Head Winds & pleasant weather except now and then a Squall to refresh our Minds which is all We have to console us in a place where We ought to Expect favourable Winds — Cur. 20 m. South, Lat ob 24° 59' N
Westerly, dept 26 m dif long 27 W. Long in 44° 4' W Variation ¾ pts
Course allow for Cur. S S W,

Winds West and

Friday 29th March 1811,

Unfavourable winds, smooth Sea small winds are the only pleasurable account I can relate which to a mind like myself is no great Consolation, Every prospect looks unfavourable & in stead of having an Easterly as would be reasonably expected in these Latitudes, it appears to have drawn from that quarter into the Western part

Winds from West NW to WSW, Lat Ob 23° 47' N

78 m dist Course SSW dep 31 m dif long 34 W Variation allowed ½ pt W

Long in 44° 38' W

Saturday 30th March 1811

Commences with light breezes and variable at times the Vessel not Steerage way — very Warm and every appearance of a Calm ensuing; after taking and obser. this day and Judging from every appearance of the Weather that there is no Trade Wind blowing in these Latitudes, I have resolved to return back into a more northern Latitude till I can discover the Wind blow with more even if a Head. My reasons in running to this Latitude was that a fresh Trade at all Seasons of Year prevailed [illegible] it would have added dispatch to my passage. But proof has Contradicted and It shall be a better guide to me in my future days — than information from other People —

Lat Ob 22° 36' N

Long by Estimation same as Yesterday —

Winds WSW to West

Sunday 31th March 1811

Winds as usual variable attended with Squalls - Middle & close of days Calm - appearance a Continued Calm, no force of moment in the Clouds -

Lat obs 22°„ 34' N

Our progress this day what little has been is to the Western part —

Wind SWbyW & NWbyN & NNW

Dept 40 West dif long 43 W Long by Estm 45°„ 21 W

Monday 1st day April 1811,

Extreme warm with little or no Wind at times entirely calm, We are endeavouring to get to the Northward as fast as possible - which is but slow the so very light and variable —

Lat obs 22°„ 48' N

Winds Variable but from the West —

Cur 17 Miles South

Variation 1 pt W

Very heavy swell from NW,

Dist $\frac{32}{25}$ Course NWbyN. dep 13.4 dif long 14 W Long by Estm 45°„ 35 W

Tuesday 2d April 1811,

Variable Winds & Warm Weather accompanied with light breezes —

Dist $\frac{66}{61}$ dif lat 58 - dep 16.4 dif long 17 W

Lat obs 23°„ 46' N

Variation 1 pt

Cur 5 M South

Long by Estm 45„ 52 W

Heavy N W Swell,

Wednesday 3d Apl 1811

As usual for several days planets & Small Breezes with a Tremendious heavy swell from NW at 8 A M wind hauls to North, Tack Ship to Westward —,

Lat obs 24°„ 32' N

Dist 61. Course North.

Long Same as Yesterday

Variation 1 pt

Thursday 4th Apr. 1811.

Gentle breezes and Smooth Sea are the remarks of these 24 Hours, Winds North & N.W.

Course W.N.W.
Lat obs 24°.54' N
Variation ½ pts
Dist 66/61 – dept. 58. dif long 64 W
Long by Esteem 46°.56 W
Dif Lat 22 N

Friday 5th Apr. 1811.

Small wind and Smooth Sea

Wind N.N.E.
Lat obs. 25°.29' N
Var. ½ ps
Course N.W.b.W ½ W
72. dept 63. dif long 69 – Dif lat 35
Long by Esteem 48°.5 W

Saturday 6th Apr. 1811

First & middle part gentle breezes veering to a Calm, at 2 am a breeze from N.E.

Wind N.E. to S.E.
Lat obs 26°.34' N
Course made N.N.W. ¾ W.
76 m dist – dept 39 m. 44 m. dif long
Dif Lat 65 m,
Long by Esteem 48°.49 W

Sunday 7th April 1811,

First part of these 24 Hours attended with pleasant breeze from South. Middle & latter part Calm which took place by a sudden squall from the Westward

Dist 53, Course N.W.b.W dept 42. dif long 47 m
Lat obs 27°.6' N
Dif lat 32 m,
Long by Esteem 49°.36 W

Monday 8th April 1811
Commencing with light breezes, middle & the close fresh breezes from the Westward —
Winds W S W & W N W — Lat obs 28" 48 N
Course N N W 110 m dif lat 102, N Variation 1/2 pts
Dept ~~long~~ 42 — dif long — W — Long by Estem 50" 24 W
Leeway allowd 1/2 pts — for heave of Sea

Tuesday 9th Apr 1811
Strong fresh breezes & thick & cloudy now
49.36
48
50.24 and then a little rain. heavy head beat Sea — Cur. 13 m North,
Wind Variable from West by S to W by N — Lat Obs 30° 48 N
118 m dist Course N N W 1/4 W Variation 1/2 pt W
dep 50, dif by log 107 by obs 120 Long by Estem 51° 22 W
dif long 58 West
1/2 pt allowd Leeway

Wednesday 10th Apr. 1811,
Fresh Breezes & cloudy, middle
part & the close Heavy Gales and a very bad Sea, Reducing
ny to Send down Top Gallt yards close reef main Topsail
& foresail set main Staysail & double reef the Topsail. the
rest of Sails handed — at Meridean hauled in a Squall to
Wind W S W N W —
No Obs —
Course N N W 3/4 W Lat by DR 32° 19 N
Dist 110 m — dif lat 91 m. dept 55 m
dif long 64 W Long in by Estem 52° 26 W

Thursday 11th Apr. 1811
Heavy Gales and bad Sea first, middle
& the close more moderate, let reefs out Topsl. & sent Top
Gall yards up — Wind variable from the Westward —
Course S S W 1/2 W Lat obs 31" 55
29 m dist — dep 18. dif long 21 W Long by Estem
52" 47 W

Friday 12th Apr. 1811

Various revolutions in the weather
First part heavy breeze & Sea, Middle almost Calm
at the close the Wind S.W. and split down Topt
yard & Top mast, very squally, double reef Tops
Blow— very unpleasant

No obs
by D R 32°, 33' N
Course N.W.¼W
Dist 56 - dep 40 = dif lat 38 · dif long 47 W
Long by Esteem 53°, 34 W
Wind W by N. & S.W —

Saturday 13th Apr. 1811

Nothing but rough & unpleasant weather
very split Gales & bad Sea, at close of of the day
under close reef M. Topsl. reef foresail Main Staysail
& Balanced Trysail —
Lat obs 34°, 13 N
Wind Variable S.W. West & W.S.W —
dist 121 - dif lat obs 100 m. dep 67 dif long 80 W
Course N.W by N
Long by Esteem 54°, 58 W

Sunday 14th Apr. 1811.

Heavy Gales & Squally with Rain
at 6 more moderate Wore Ship to Northward — at
the close of day more moderate, out all Reefs
Wind W.S.W to N.W.
No obs
Long same as yesterday. —

Monday 15th Apr. 1811

Flowing. —

The first fair Wind for 18 days commencing
the morning from East & Backing to N.E., with a
very fresh breeze at commencing, it came on to Rain, but as it
Backd to North it became clear— Lat obs 34°, 19' N
South 25 miles dif lat Cur.
Course West 4° N 185 dist depte 184 W dif long 222 W
Long by Esteem, 58°, 37 West

Wind

Tuesday 16th Apr. 1811.

Charming breezes and gloriously fair
from N E. pleasant weather to the
South. Cur. 10m dif lat — Lat of 35„ 8′ N
178 m dist. dif lat 49m, dept. 168
Dif long 203 W — Long by Esteem 62„ 0′ W

Wind East & NE

Wednesday 17th of Apr. 1811

Pleasant agreeable weather and moderate
& fair Wind comprising these 24 Hours —
Strong North Cur. 18 m dif lat. Lat of 37„ 19′ N
Dist 127. Course N. 21° W dept 43 W
Dif long 53 W — Long by Esteem 62„ 53′ W

Thursday 18th Apr 1811,

The present begins with strong breezes
But pleasant, at 6 P.m Struck a rip which appeared to have
the appearance Strong Cur, Supposed South edge Gulf Stream, Some trash
lying off East & a large flocks of Birds at the same time,
the Water very Warm; at 10 A.m Spoke the Ship Mount
Vernon from N York out 6 days. Bound to Arch
Angel — Her Long 68„ 30′ W — Saw another sail
to Leeward Standing to North & Westward,
Experienced a very Strong South of 60m dif lat —
Dist 146 m, Course N. 68° W — Lat of 38„ 2′ N
Dif lat of 41. By log 101 — N
dept 107. dif long 134 W Long by Esteem 65„ 7′ W
Considerable Cape Ann mariners also Geese —

Ship Mount Vernon Long 68.30
15
68 45 to noon
Long made 19th ap — 2 24
Ditto — 20 — .. 71.9
1.11
72.20 — Lat obs yesterday 40.7
18
40.25

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